

CITY OF CARLSBAD

COUNCIL POLICY STATEMENT

General Subject: AGRICULTURAL POLICY

Specific Subject: Interim Agricultural Policy

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PURPOSE:

To establish an interim policy for the use of land which is not designated as agricultural in the General Plan.

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

It is the policy of the City Council to encourage productive management of Carlsbad's natural resources. This policy includes the temporary agricultural use of land which is not designated as agricultural in the General Plan. Such agricultural activity, whether carried on by the property owner or by a lessee, shall not in any way indicate that the property will be zoned agriculture. This policy shall not preclude the ultimate development of land used for agriculture provided that development is consistent with Carlsbad's ordinances and policies.

It is also the policy of the City Council that a Site Development Permit be required for all agricultural activities conducted on previously undisturbed land. This shall assure that grading and clearing operations do not disturb potentially valuable and significant environmental resources.

This interim agricultural policy also encourages active enforcement of the goals and policies now contained in different elements of the General Plan which deal specifically with agriculture.

As an additional part of this interim policy an agricultural advisory committee shall be formed. This committee shall be comprised of citizens from the agricultural community, Planning Commission, and City Council. The committee's purpose will be to document agriculture's problems in Carlsbad, evaluate and select various solutions, propose incentives for retaining farmland, and return a report to the Planning Commission and City Council. This report would be considered as the basis for an agricultural element to the General Plan.